



**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
February 11th, 2025**

Meeting Attendance: Randy Fifrick – Chair, Michael Wodalski, Jami Gerbert, Sydney Turner, Arran Hersey, Ron Schuenke, Aaron Anklam, Laurie Miskimins, Jason Nordberg, Chris Voll, Gaylene Rhoden; Brad Lenz, Darryl Landeau, Dave Meurett, Thomas Salzman, Jeff Gates, Andy Lynch, Ryan VanDeWalle

1. Call to Order: In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fifrick at 2:02 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, 210 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.
2. Approve Minutes – December 10, 2024, Commission Meeting
Action: Motion/Second by / VanDeWalle/Voll to approve the December 10, 2024, Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.
3. Announcement Of New MPO Commission Vice Chair
Discussion: Chair Fifrick introduced Gaylene Rhoden, the designated representative for the Village of Rib Mountain, as the new Vice Chair of the MPO. In January, the County Board approved appointing Gaylene to the position vacated by George Peterson last year.
4. 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
Discussion: Anklam presented the amendments to the TIP. Rhoden provided further context on the Village of Rib Mountain project included in the amendment.
Action: Motion/Second by / Lenz/Voll to approve the TIP Amendment as presented, with spelling correction. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.
5. Update on Federal Funding
Discussion: Anklam and Miskimins said at this point everything is continuing as normal. FHWA and WisDOT will update the MPO as information is available and that information will be passed on to the MPO Communities. Similar, a couple MPO Communities and Metro Ride said they had heard to continue with normal operations and projects until more information was available.
6. Upcoming Funding Opportunities
Discussion: Miskimins and Anklam updated the group on funding opportunities and schedules that were shared by WisDOT at the MPO meeting in January. The links in the packet provide further timelines, eligibility, and application information. Communities should reach out to MPO staff with any questions or assistance they may need.
7. 2024 Local Match Invoices
Discussion: Anklam explained the invoices are almost complete and should go out later this week or early next week. Fifrick reminded member communities to please pay the invoices.
8. New Location for Future MPO Meetings – 1000 Lake View Dr, Wausau, WI 54403
Discussion: Miskimins updated the group about Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (MPO's host department) moving to the North Central Health Care campus in early March. The MPO Commission and advisory committees will meet in the Wisconsin Room of the Lake View Conference Center, located at 1000 Lake View Drive starting in March 2025. It can be accessed via Door 31, marked on the map in the packet. Staff will send further information prior to the next MPO Commission meeting.

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9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting Date – TBD

Discussion: MPO Staff will let the chair know if there are any upcoming agenda items and when the next meeting will be held.

10. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business before the members Motion/Second by Rhoden/VanDeWalle to adjourn the meeting of the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission at 2:15pm. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

Submitted by:
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